Haryana and Punjab both the States have set up Traffic-aid posts and introduced patrolling services on National Highways with vehicles equipped with video cameras, speed checking devices, traffic cones etc. In emergency, person affected can ask for the assistance from the nearest Traffic-aid post or the patrolling vehicle for emergency aid to accident victims.

Statement

Number of persons killed in Haryana, Punjab and Delhi on National Highways

Name of the State/UT	2000	2001	2002
Haryana	1150	1178	1070
Punjab	823	924	1019
Delhi	330	268	251

Highways in North-East areas

3215. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a special development package of Rs. 450 crores for the development of highways for the North-East areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have carried out an survey to identify the highways;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have set any target to develop the highways in North-East;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount allocated for this purpose during the coming fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) This Ministry have formulated a programme, namely 'Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North-Eastern Region' which is under finalization. An amount of Rs. 450.00 crore has been kept in the Budget of 2005-06 for the above programme. The roads included in the said programme have been identified in consultation with the State Governments

of the North-East and the Border Roads Organization (BRO). This programme envisages improvement of carriageable roads and the connectivity of State capitals with at least 2-lane National Highway and District Headquarters with 2-lane National Highways and improved State Roads

(d) to (f) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and the improvement works are taken up keeping in view *inter-se* priority and overall availability of funds. It is premature to indicate allocation of funds during the year 2005-06 as the budget is yet to be approved by the Parliament.

Driving Training Institute in Karnataka

3216. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA. Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to establish a Driving Training Institute and Research Centre in Karnataka,

(b) the action that has been taken on the said proposal; and

(c) by when Government would approved the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) On the basis of the recommendation of the Government of Karnataka, financial assistance of Rs. 269 lakh for setting up of a driver training school at Hagaribommanahalli in Bellary District had been approved by this Ministry in the year 2002-2003. Funds to the extent of Rs. 200 lakhs have been released for this project so far.

National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

†3217. SHRI KAMALAKHTAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh despite being largest State of the country is having quite lesser number of National Highways as compared to other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have chalked out/are chalking out any plan

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.